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## STATEMENT OF SEN. BOB EMERSON (D-FLINT), DEMOCRATIC LEADER, ON THE 2005 LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND LOOKING FORWARD TO 2006

"Unfortunately, you can pretty much summarize the Republican-controlled legislature's 2005 session in three words - 'shoulda, coulda, woulda'. We had an opportunity to grab this economic bull by the horns at the beginning of last year with Governor Granholm's bold plan to protect and create jobs, but the Republican leadership squandered precious time in partisan maneuvering. Our Democratic caucus will begin the next session with a renewed sense of urgency, and hopefully everyone can put the election year hype aside to get something done for the people who are worried about how they're going to pay this month's heating bill, cover the next car payment, or afford their kid's tuition."